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Amendments to the Claims:

Claim 1(currently amended). A planetary gear arrangement comprising:
three rotatable members, a first of which is a planet carrier assembly member having at least a planet carrier member and a plurality of pinion gear members rotatably mounted on said planet carrier member, a second of said rotatable members being disposed in meshing engagement with at least one of said pinion gear members, a third of said rotatable members being disposed in meshing engagement with at least one of said pinion gear members;

a selectively engageable active friction damper means comprised of a normally disengaged torque transmitting mechanism disposed between and adapted to selectively apply a frictional engagement between at least two of said rotatable members within an individual planetary gear arrangement during a torque reversal through said planetary gear arrangement;

means for selectively activating said active friction damper for engagment in anticipation of a lash change between said rotatable members to minimize lash within said individual planetary gear arrangement prior to a torque reversal associated with a gear change event or other transient driveline disturbance to provide frictional damping and minimize noise.

Claim 2.(original) The planetary gear arrangement defined in Claim 1 further wherein:

said two members engaged by said active damper means are a sun gear member and a ring gear member.

Claim 3.(original) The planetary gear arrangement defined in Claim 1 further wherein:

said two members engaged by said active damper means are a ring gear member and said planet carrier member.

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Claim 4.(original) The planetary gear arrangement defined in Claim 1 further wherein:

said two members engaged by said active damper means are a sun gear member and said planet carrier member.

Claim 5. (cancelled)